

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. BA 1591

Magi No. 0315912404

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J. H. PALMER LOG HOUSE

and/or common Deep Run Log House

2. Location

street & number 10941 Falls Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Brooklandville ☒ vicinity of

Councilmanic District No. 3
congressional district 2nd

state Maryland

county Baltimore County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Richard H. Shindell

street & number 10941 Falls Road

telephone no.:

city, town Lutherville

state and zip code MD 21093-4507

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building

SM 13670
liber 618

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue

folio

city, town Towson

state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title "J. H. Palmer Log House," Maryland Historical Trust Inventory

date April 18, 1979

☒ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records 100 Community Place

city, town Crownsville

state MD 21032

7. Description

Survey No. BA.1591

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move 1930s
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Palmer Log House, Item 7

The capsule description of this small structure was written in 1980 during the survey of the Green Spring Valley and reads as follows:

Although this building is not the only log structure remaining in this area, it does characteristically stand out among its neighbors. The original exterior has not been covered with siding as most have, which therefore exposes many features, both structural and decorative.

Also important is the fact that the building, probably pre-Civil War, was built as a dwelling and has remained so to date. This helps describe an era when logs were used as a major method of construction, especially so in this Towson community.

At the time of the May, 1989, tour of log houses in the central county, Ruth B. Mascari noted in the tour leaflet, "This house has simple "V" notches and a gable end chimney. It was expanded with a full second story from its original one-story size. Dormers were later added." The dormers are of the somewhat rare "pop-up" type. The rooms added upstairs were reported to have been constructed with the reused timbers of a barn on the same property. (1)

The parlor paneling came from a row house on Cathedral Street in Baltimore City that was being demolished about 1933 to build the present main building of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

In 1999 the owner of the house supplied the Landmarks Preservation Commission with the overall dimensions of the log house: 20 feet 3 inches by 30 feet. (2)

NOTES:

1. Ruth B. Mascari, "Log House Tour," Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc., Towson, May 21, 1989.
2. Richard H. Shindell to Kimberly R. Abe, October 4, 1999.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Registration Form: include in this title block the
property name, county, and site/inventory number

Multiple Property Documentation Form: include the
name of the multiple property listing

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J. H. Palmer Log House
Deep Run Log House

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This 1805 log house in Brooklandville has been altered and expanded. It may at one time have been two log dwellings.

--History Trails, Spring-Summer, 1989, 23:13.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Before 1850 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

A plat of old land grants in the Green Spring Valley given to the LPC several years ago by Mrs. Nancy Trimble would suggest that the SE corner of Seminary Avenue and Falls Road lies on the survey called "Poor Jamaica Man's Plague." However, the log house may not date back to that distant period, as log construction continued at least into the 1860s for small houses. This corner was probably an outlying part of John Cockey of Thomas' holdings in the 1798 tax list. Cockey had four log structures in his tax account that year but they were most likely farther south where the Cockey Tavern was later built across from the present Montessori School. Neither can we match the present dimensions to any measured buildings in the 1798 tax list. The LPC staff investigated the Cockey Tavern several years ago before adding it to the Preliminary Landmarks List. In the 1823 tax list of Old District 2 John Cockey of Thomas owned 191 acres of Selsed (a land grant name) with \$250 worth of improvements, location not specified exactly. The Seminary Avenue corner was not separated from the Cockey premises until 1834, according to some sources, which prove to be true. Deeds in Towson trace this property back to a 10-acre lot acquired in February, 1845, by Edward Rider who purchased it from Robert Jones if we are reading the handwriting correctly. (1) Research in the Hall of Records shows that this land was called "part of Hellman's Addition" and was sold to Robert Jones via two deeds from John Cockey of Frederick County, one deed in 1834, another in 1838. (2). The recorded deeds in both Towson and in Annapolis call the land survey name "Hellman's Addition", which does not agree with the plat mentioned above. At any rate, this house does not seem to have been a possession of Richard Caton of Brooklandwood just across Falls Road.

The county map by J. C. Sidney and P. J. Browne published in Baltimore in 1850 showed a small house symbol at this corner labeled as property or home of R. Jones, which is puzzling if Jones sold to Edward Rider. The county atlas published in 1877 by G. M. Hopkins of Philadelphia showed a building at this site owned or occupied by J. W. Zink. As an atlas patron, Zink was listed in a table of Eighth District citizens; his profession was given as a gardener, a resident of the county since 1840, and the owner of 10 acres. Deeds in Towson prove that John W. Zink bought the ten-acre parcel from George H. and Eliza Hayes on March 7, 1867. (3) Hayes had acquired from Robert and Cassandra Jones on September 22, 1864. (4) At some point in its history, the house was moved 50 feet to the east and back from Falls Road. This action undoubtedly aided in its preservation. The Zink family owned it through the first third of the 20th century, when it was sold by Thomas H.

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DEEP RUN LOG HOUSE

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Zink and wife and W. Milton Zink and wife to Grace Ober Palmer, June 1, 1936. The property then measured 10.546 acres and embraced the corner where Seminary Avenue meets Falls Road. (5)

This was still a Palmer family house at the time of BCHT's log house tour in the spring of 1989, the owner on tax maps shown as J. Humbleton Palmer. (6)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, TK 349:307, Maryland State Archives.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, TK 238:398 and TK 281:299.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 52:507.
4. Baltimore County Deeds, JHL 42:291.
5. Baltimore County Deeds, CWB JR. 974:445.
6. Tax Map, No. 60, 1984, Parcel 60, Office of Planning, LPC collection.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA-1591

Ruth B. Mascari, "Log Houses--Myth and Reality," History Trails,
23 (Spring-Summer 1989):9-16.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4,705 acresQuadrangle name Cockeysville, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel at SE corner of Falls Road and West Seminary Avenue, Tax Map
60, Grid 13, Parcel P852

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
None			

state	code	county	code
None			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McGrain, County Historianorganization Office of Planningdate September 9, 1999street & number 401 Bosley Avenuetelephone 410-887-3495city or town Towsonstate MD 21204

CAPSULE
LOG DWELLING

Although this building is not the only log structure remaining in this area, it does characteristically stand out among its neighbors. The original exterior has not been covered with siding as most have which therefore exposes many features, both structural and decorative.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Log Dwelling

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Rd. & Seminary Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Eighth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. C. Harvey Palmer, Jr.

Telephone #: 467-7038

STREET & NUMBER

204 E. Oakdl Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Court House

Liber #: 1375

Folio #: 494

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Jan., 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The log dwelling located on a lot at the southeast corner of Falls Road and Seminary Avenue is one of only a few remaining structures of a once larger working farm.

Early records include an 1850 map of Baltimore (Sidney) which locates "R. Jones" at this site. An 1857 Taylor map indicates "R. Jones, La Grange" and a tavern nearby. This is indicative of an estate at least as early as the 1850's, if not before. Robert Jones first acquired portions of a tract of land known as "Hellmores Addition" in 1838 from John Cockey, a prominent land owner and neighbor. George Heyse then owned this land in 1864 until he sold to John W. Zink in 1867. John W. Zink and his family held this corner lot for 69 years.

The 1877 Hopkins Atlas shows two buildings at the intersection; one adjacent to Falls Road, the other adjacent to Seminary Avenue. "J. W. Zink, residence" is located somewhat closer to the Seminary Avenue-Mays Chapel Road intersection.

The structure indicated along Falls Road is believed to be the existing log dwelling which now sits some distance from the road. The present owner, Dr. C. Harvey Palmer, states that the house had been moved from its original lot in the 1930's to its present location. This moving may correspond in date to the Palmer family first having acquired the land in 1938.

With respect to the owner's wishes, it was only possible to examine the log structure and surrounding outbuildings from a point no closer than Falls Road.

Only the west facade of the log structure facing Falls Road could be examined. This facade reveals a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story structure, four bays long, with a steeply pitched gable-end roof. The fenestration is regular and contains 6/6 sash windows with wavy glass. The exposed logs are joined at the corners with V-notches, while unusual random stone chinking creates a most decorative effect.

The first level contains entrances in the outermost bays and a window in each of the inner bays. Just above the single story shed-roofed porch, where the roof joins the main block, protruding joist ends can be seen. This, along with gable-end dormers that break the eaves and a centrally located chimney combine to give the upper story as distinct a character as the lower one.

Approximately 40' East from Falls Road stand two stone outbuildings. On the northernmost side of an easterly driveway is a spring house. On the southernmost side stands a tall, practically windowless structure of undetermined use. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories are topped

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with a hipped roof which supports a cupola. Characteristics include flat wooden arches on the first story window and steps leading to a door on the east facade.

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES Not known

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore Land Records
 Baltimore County Tax Assessment Records
 J. C. Sidney Map 1850
 Robert Taylor Map 1857

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
 HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

D. Owings

ORGANIZATION

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH FOR CORNER: SEMINARY AVE. & FALLS RD.
Parcel 60

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
1375	494	August 3, 1943	Grace O. Palmer et al	J. Hambleton Palmer et al
<p>Beginning...stone in the roots of a maple tree or near the east side of Falls Rd...South 79° 49' East 158.08'...North 25° 7' East 400.72' to a stone marked "4"...North 48° East 463.08' to a stone marked "5" South 68° East passing through stone planted in oak stump and also through stone planted near the southwest side of Seminary Ave. 1097.25' to a point in the bed of Seminary Ave. North 4° East 52.25' North 78° 30' West 173.25' North 13° 30' West 49.5' to a point in line with the south side of Seminary West of the curve in said avenue at the intersection of Mays Chapel Road...North 87° 44' West 1662.2'...South 3° 51' East 409.34' and South 4° 28' East 358'...North 79° 49' West South 79° 49' East 19.46'.</p>				
974	445	June 1, 1936	Theodore H. Zink W. Milton Zink et al	Grace Ober Palmer
(995	282	February 24, 1937	<p>Agreement between Theodore Marburg and wife and Grace O. Palmer and husband: Theodore Marburg's property extended across Seminary Ave. from the north side and conflicted with the property of Grace O. Palmer on the south side of Seminary Ave. This agreement established the dividing line as the center line of Seminary Ave.)</p>	
52	507	March 20, 1867	George H. Heyse et al	John Zink
<p>John W. Zink died about 1878. His Last Will & Testament (JBM 5/420) divided property to his wife Elizabeth. Upon her death the land was to go to his two children - J. William Zink and Theodore H. Zink. Elizabeth died in 1931; J. William died intestate leaving to his child W. Milton Zink his property.</p> <p>This property is part of a tract of land called "Hellmore Addition."</p> <p>Beginning...North 42° East 28 perches...to line of Richard Catons land...line of Gelsed ...containing 10 3/8 acres.</p>				
42	291	September 22, 1864	Robert Jones & wf.	George H. Heyse
TK 349	307	February 19, 1845	Robert Jones to Edward Rider.	

John Cockey of Frederick County to Robert Jones by several deeds:

TK 238 398 June 11, 1834 John Cockey Robert Jones

Containing 6 acres

TK 281 299 August 6, 1838 John Cockey Robert Jones

"Beginning at the end of the fourth line of Selsed..."
Containing 10 3/8 acres

WG 204 84 October 17, 1829 Joseph C. Cockey John Cockey

"...land lying between Richard Caton's and John Cockey's
farms called Helmores Addition...10 acres more or less
also 90 acres on the east end of the farm whereon said Joseph C.
Cockey resides.

WG 157 467 October 7, 1819 William Cockey Joseph Cockey

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

"100 acres of land called Cockey's Trust and part of Hellmore...
being part of dwelling plantation of Capt. John Cockey..."

Corner: Seminary Ave. & Falls Rd., page 3.

1876 Tax Assessment:

John W. Zink

Land - 10 acres	\$ 450
Improvements	400

1896 Tax Assessment:

Mrs. John W. Zink

Land - 10 acres	\$ 400 , \$ 600
Improvements	925 , 1100

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1918 Tax Assessment:

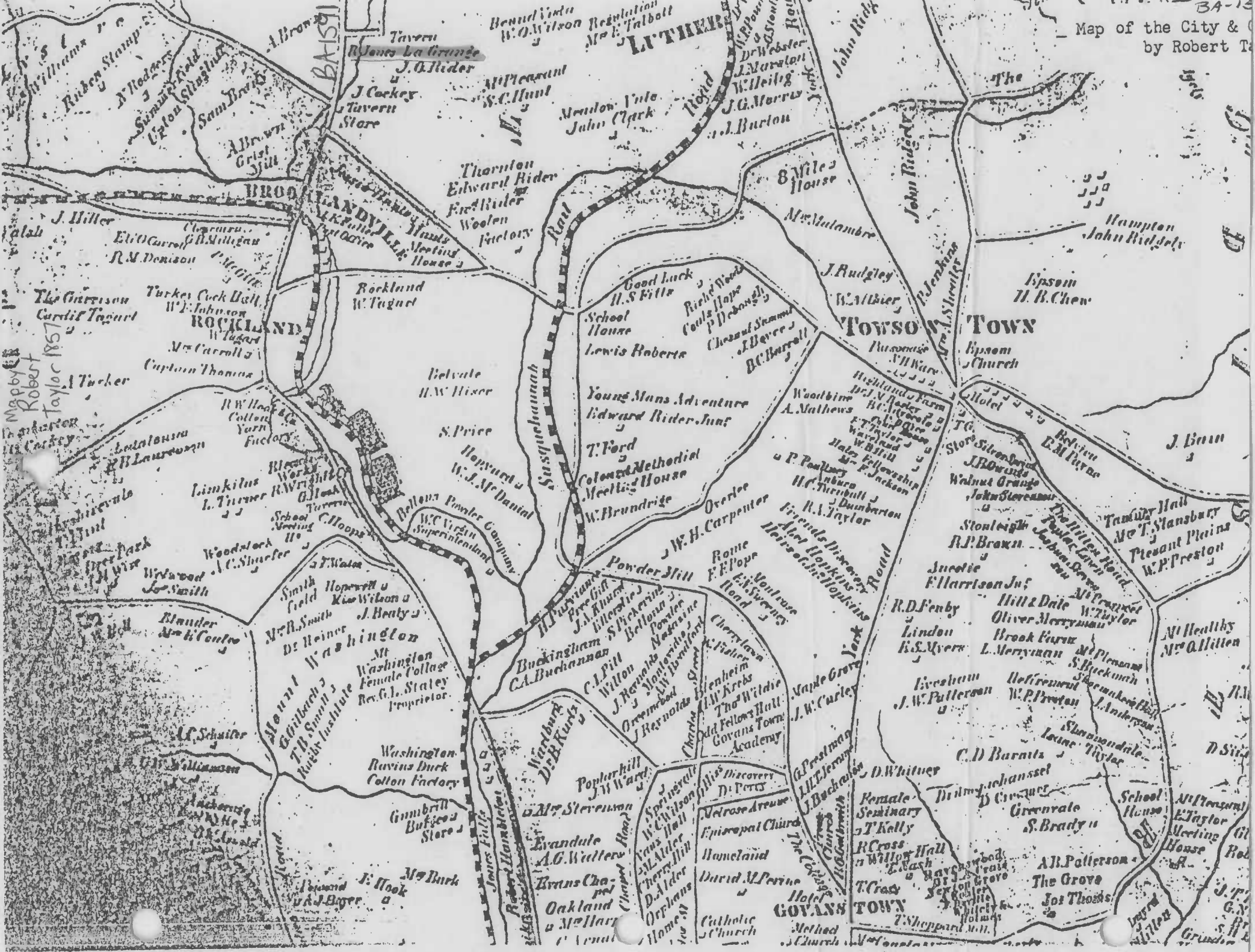
Elizabeth Zink (Mrs. John W. Zink)

Dwelling (1½)	20' x 28'
Barn	24' x 28'

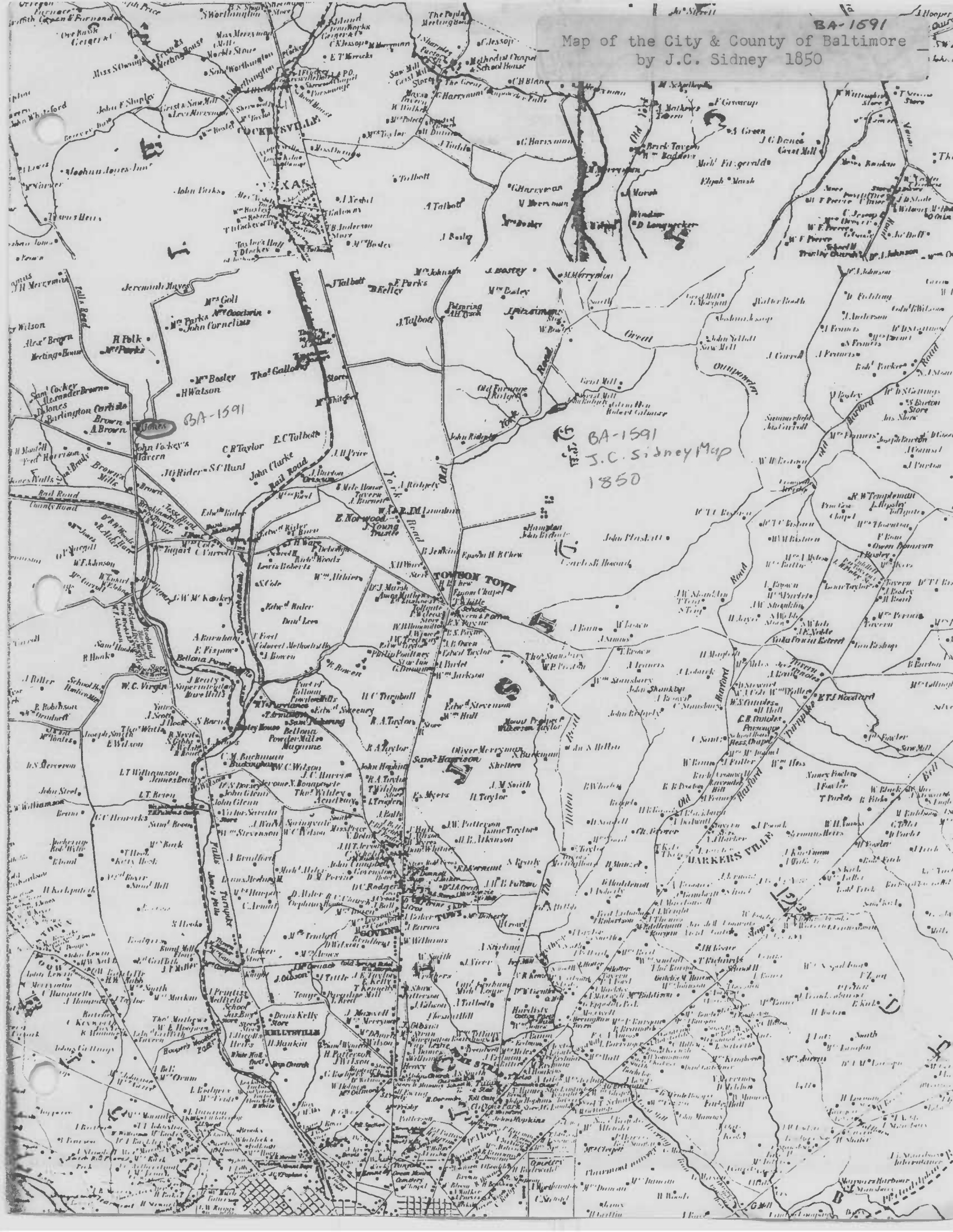
* 1911 Tax Assessment:

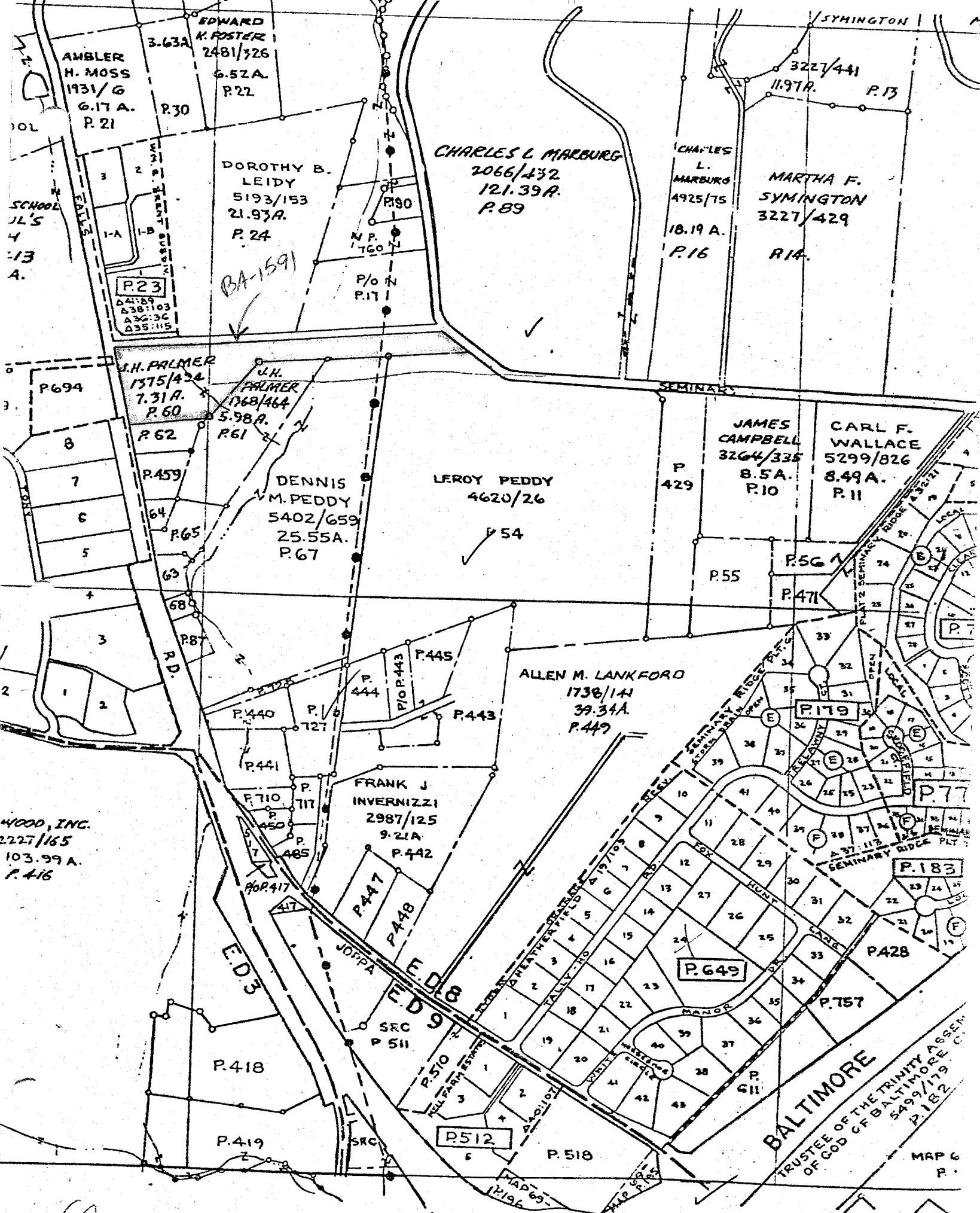
Elizabeth Zink

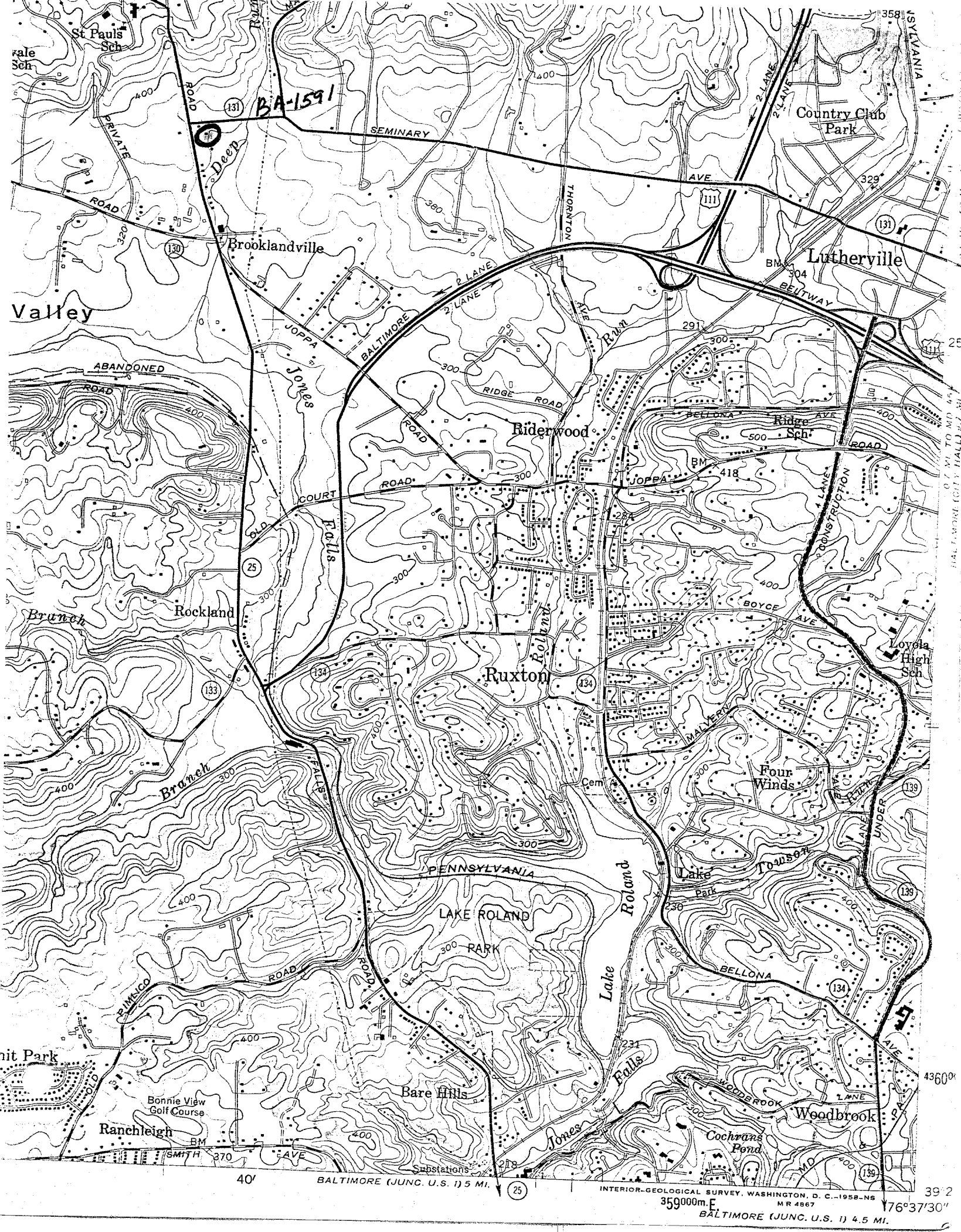
9½ acres of land at Falls & Seminary Aves.	
House	\$ 400
Barn	300
2 Hen Houses	100
Corn House	25
Out Buildings	75



Map of the City & County of Baltimore
by J.C. Sidney 1850







St Pauls Sch
ale Sch
PRIVATE ROAD
400
320
130
Deep

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SEMINARY

Country Club Park

Brooklandville

Lutherville

Valley

ABANDONED ROAD

Riderwood

Ridge Sch

Rockland

Ruxton

Loyola High Sch

Branch

Four Winds

PENNSYLVANIA

LAKE ROLAND

Lake Park

TOANSON

mit Park

Bonnie View Golf Course

Ranchleigh

Bare Hills

Woodbrook

Cochrans Pond

40'

BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S.) 5 MI.

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.-1958-NS
359000m.F.
MR 4867

BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S.) 4.5 MI.

39° 2'
76° 37' 30"



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OUTBUILDING-
(J. H. PALMER) LOG
DWELLING
N. W. CORNER

J. CORCORAN
7/79



BA-1591

(J. H. PALMER)

LOG DWELLING

J. CORCORAN

7/79